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"It's been ten years since I started writing *Record of Lodoss War*. I can't tell if it's a long time or a short time, but thanks to your continued support I am able to publish this new book."

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"*Record of Lodoss War* is a truly epic fantasy with a long history. I never expected to be working on the creative end of it, but here I am. The high ideals of the story present a variety of difficulties, but I'm doing my best to keep it fun and interesting."

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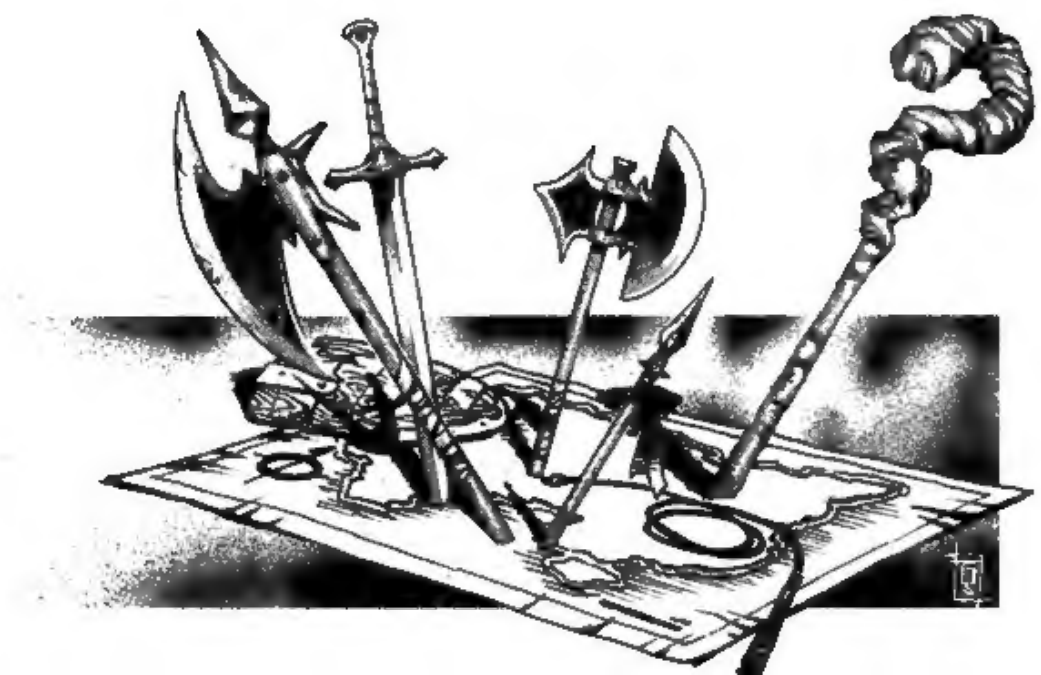
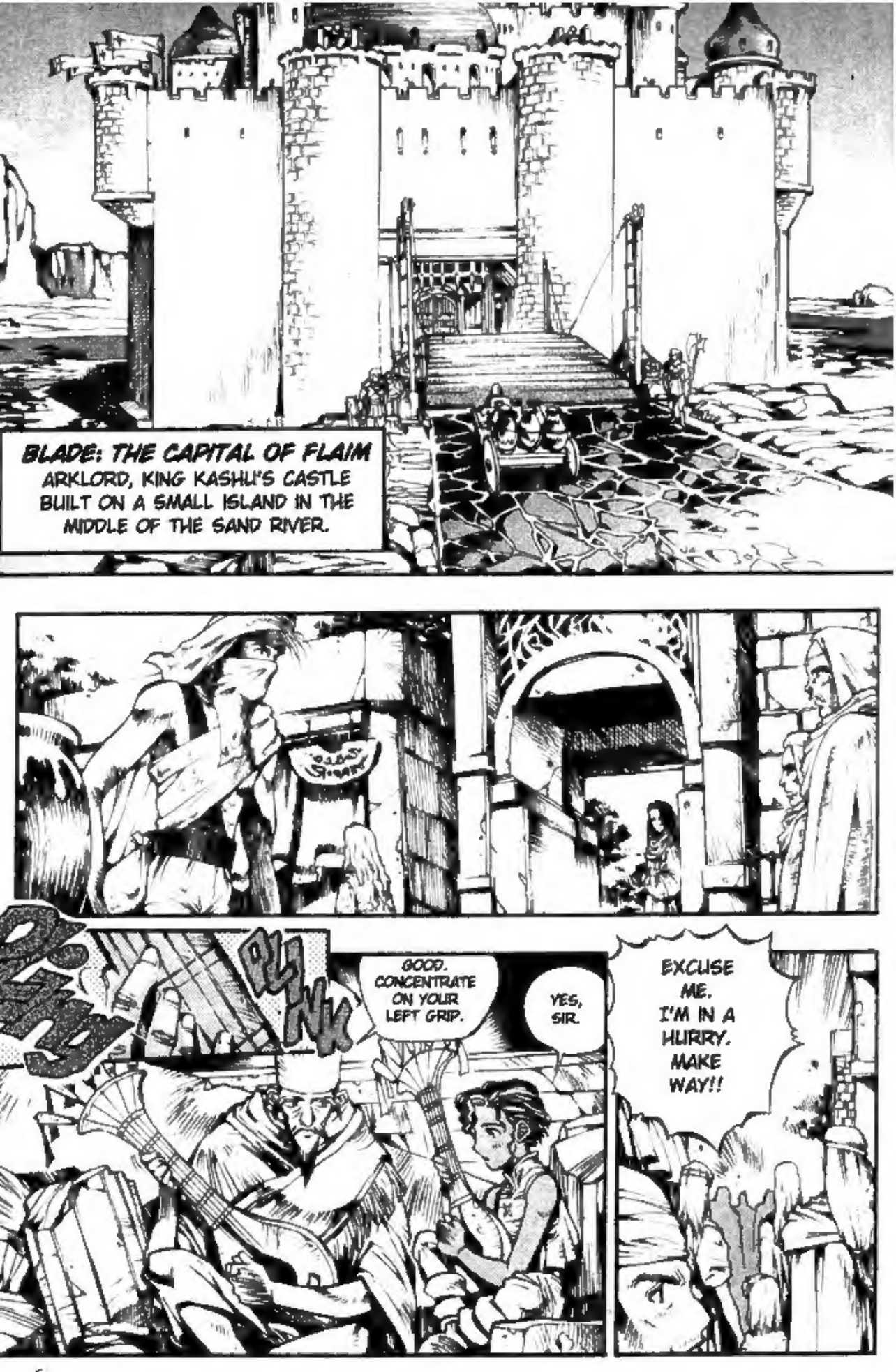
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
CRAK
YA
YA!
SHIP

TA-DAA!
SPARK, THE KNIGHT FROM THE KINGDOM OF FLAIM!!!
TELL ME....
WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
MY NAME IS SPARK.



WAS THAT... A DREAM?
SPARK THE KNIGHT FROM THE KINGDOM OF FLAIM...
HA. HA.
KNIGHT...
KNIGHT...
AUGH


BLADE: THE CAPITAL OF FLAIM
ARKLORD, KING KASHU'S CASTLE BUILT ON A SMALL ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SAND RIVER.
EXCUSE ME. I'M IN A HURRY. MAKE WAY!!
YES, SIR.
GOOD. CONCENTRATE ON YOUR LEFT GRIP.
PL NK

SPARK!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING IN SUCH A HURRY?
TODAY'S THE DAY NEW KNIGHTS ARE SELECTED!!
...WAAIT! I'M COMING WITH YOU!!
UHH... PARDON ME MASTER, BUT MAY I BE EXCUSED?

YIPEEE! THE DAY HAS FINALLY COME!!
CLANG CLANG
I'M SURE I ACED THE QUALIFYING TEST AND THE SWORDSMAN-SHIP ON HORSEBACK... I HOPE.
I'M FINALLY GONNA MAKE IT!!
SHOOM

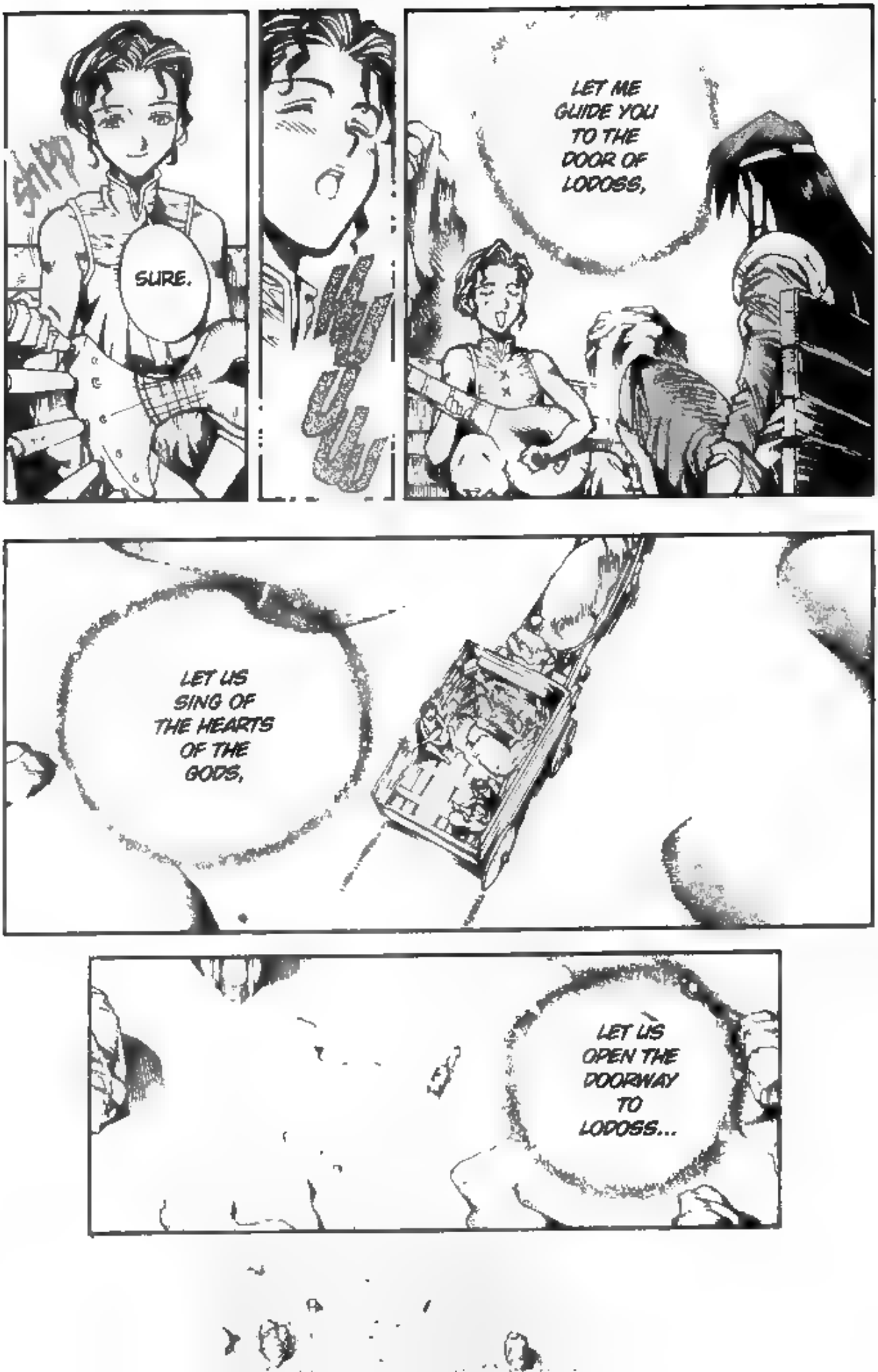
I'M GOING TO BE A KNIGHT!!

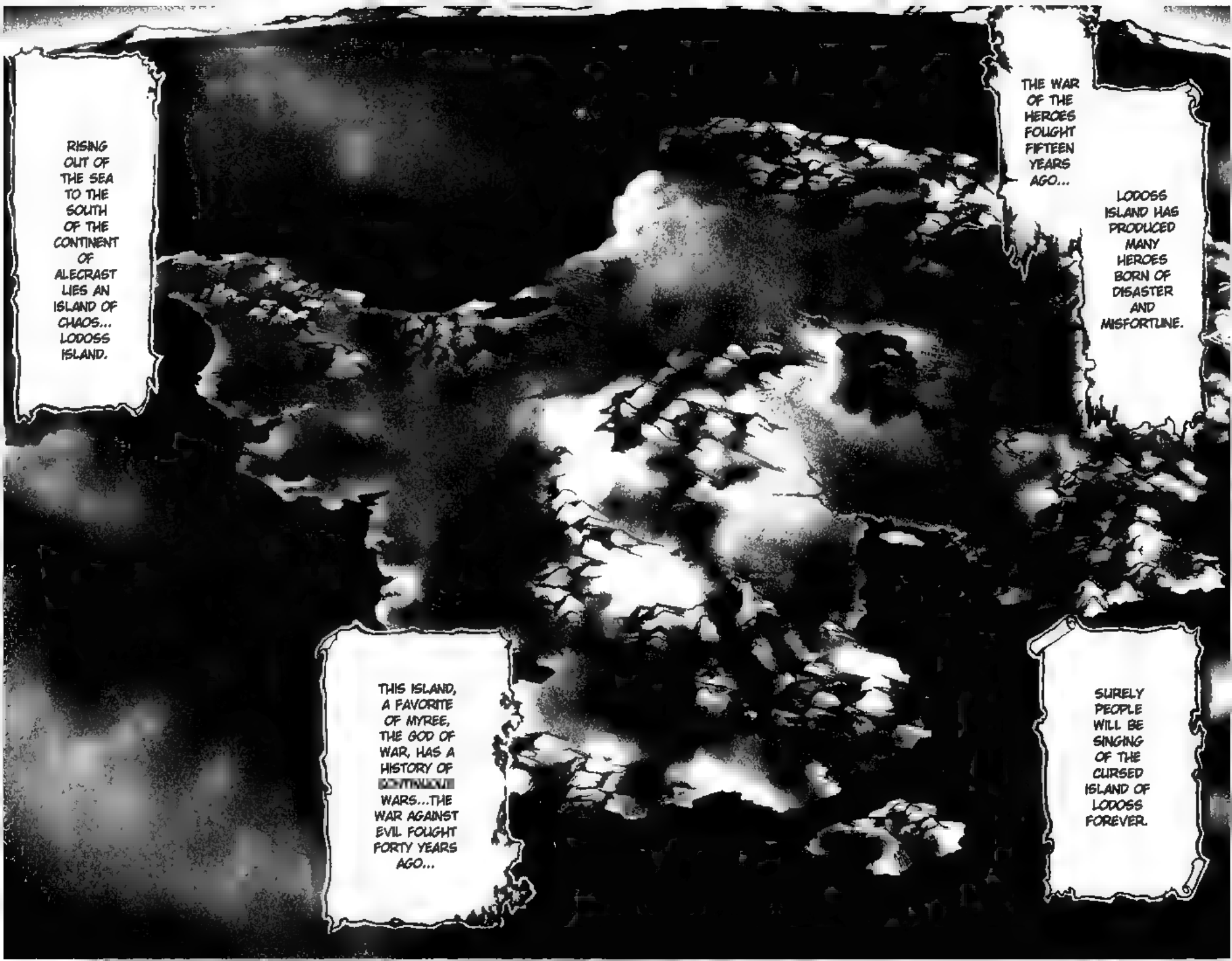
HUFF HUFF
QUIET DOWN EVERY-BODY!!

I SHALL ANNOUNCE THE NAMES OF THOSE UPON WHOM...
IPPI!!
SPARK, YOU WILL DEFINITELY BE CALLED THIS YEAR.
SHH!!
...KNIGHTHOOD SHALL BE BESTOWED IN THE NAME OF KING KASHU OF FLAM.
FWOP

GRIP
THAT'S IT

RIKETA RIKETA RIKETA
RIKETA
I'M SO SORRY.
RYUTO, YOU WERE ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR DREAM OF BECOMING A MINSTREL,
BUT I'LL NEVER BE [illegible] THAN AN APPRENTICE KNIGHT...
ME? I'M STILL LEARNING, TOO. SPARK, YOU'RE GONNA MAKE IT NEXT YEAR...
RIKETA RIKETA RIKETA
SING IT FOR ME AGAIN, WOULD YOU?
THE SONG OF LODOSS...

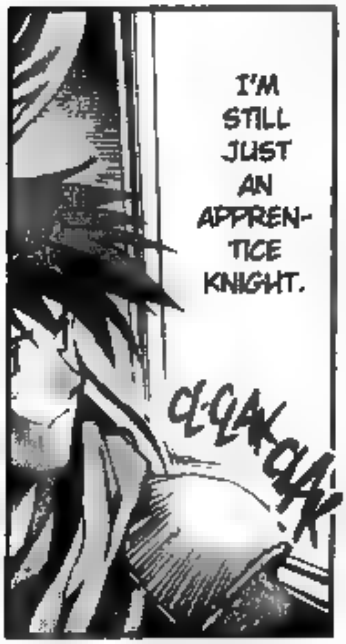

SURE.
LET ME GUIDE YOU TO THE DOOR OF LODOSS,
LET US SING OF THE HEARTS OF THE GODS,
LET US OPEN THE DOORWAY TO LODOSS...

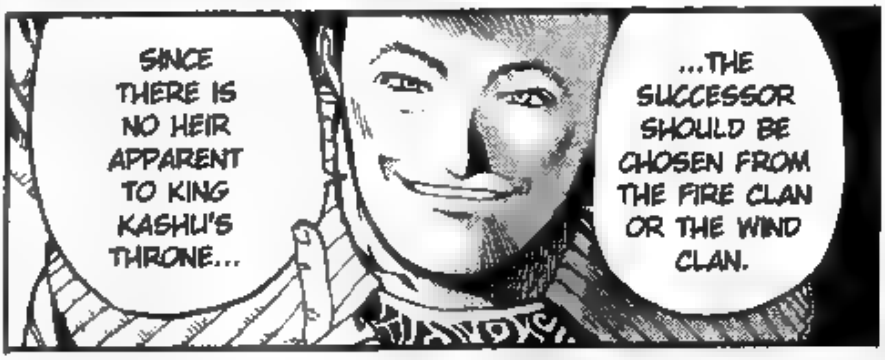

RISING OUT OF THE SEA TO THE SOUTH OF THE CONTINENT OF ALECRAST LIES AN ISLAND OF CHAOS... LODOSS ISLAND.
THE WAR OF THE HEROES FOUGHT FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...
LODOSS ISLAND HAS PRODUCED MANY HEROES BORN OF DISASTER AND MISFORTUNE.
THIS ISLAND, A FAVORITE OF MYREE, THE GOD OF WAR, HAS A HISTORY OF [illegible] WARS...THE WAR AGAINST EVIL FOUGHT FORTY YEARS AGO...
SURELY PEOPLE WILL BE SINGING OF THE CURSED ISLAND OF LODOSS FOREVER.

I WANNA HURRY UP AND BECOME A KNIGHT SO I CAN BE A HERO PEOPLE SING ABOUT.
DON'T WORRY. YOU HAVE SOMETHING NOBODY ELSE DOES, SPARK.
WHAT'S THAT?
SLAK
CLAK

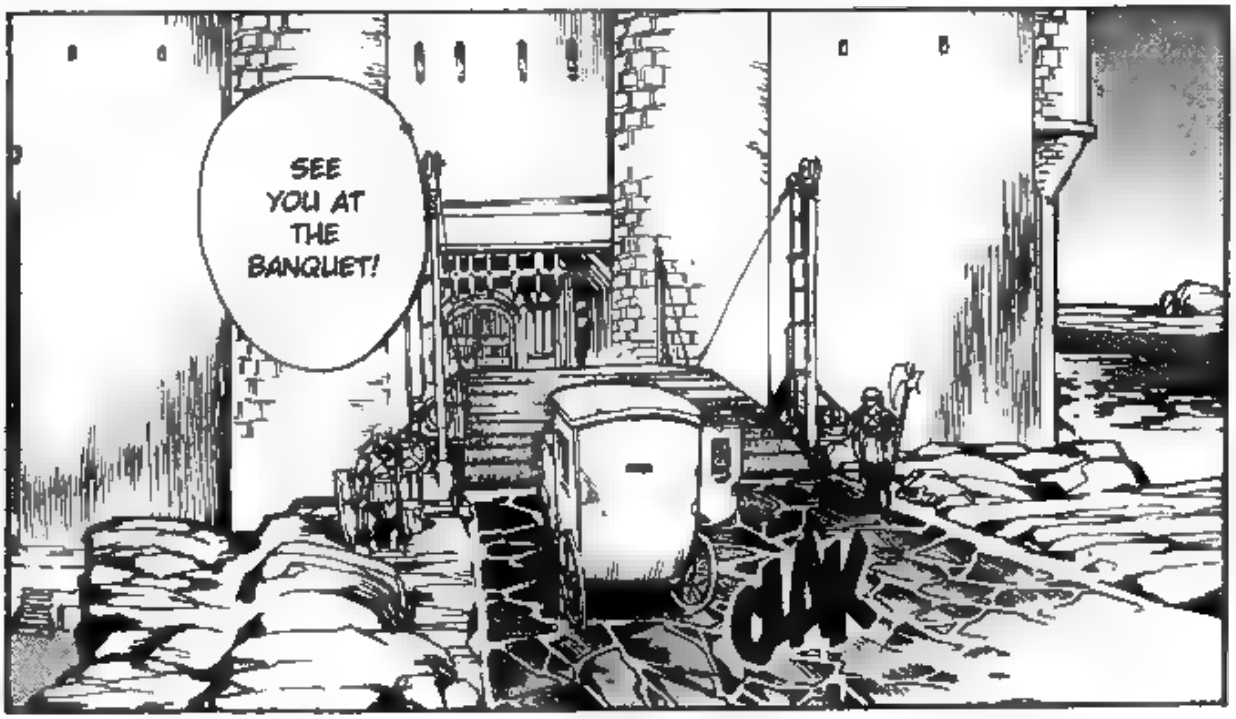
CLAK CLAK CLAK
HALT I SAY!!
IS THAT LORD SPARK OF THE FIRE CLAN!?
CLAK CLAK
OHH, LORD SPARK, WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!!
RAK
I'VE BEEN INVITED TO KING KASHU'S BANQUET THIS EVENING!?
YES, IT IS SO, LORD SPARK.
SIR LUZENAN, PLEASE DON'T CALL ME LORD.
WHY SHOULDN'T I? YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO LEAD THE FIRE CLAN!!
YOU WILL PROBABLY EVEN INHERIT THE THRONE SOMEDAY IF YOU WANT!!
COME, STEP IN.

DID HE SAY I WAS HEIR TO THE THRONE? THAT CAN'T BE TRUE.
I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR ABOUT THE BANQUET!!
THE REASON I'M THE LEADER OF THE FIRE CLAN IS BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY MALE LEFT IN THE FIRE CLAN CHIEF'S FAMILY.

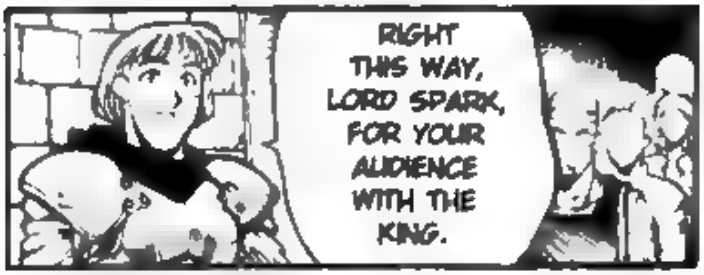

I'M STILL JUST AN APPREN-TICE KNIGHT.
CLANK-CLANK


SINCE THERE IS NO HEIR APPARENT TO KING KASHU'S THRONE...
...THE SUCCESSOR SHOULD BE CHOSEN FROM THE FIRE CLAN OR THE WIND CLAN.

I, LUZENAN, INTEND TO...
...STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU, LORD SPARK.


SEE YOU AT THE BANQUET!
CLANK

AN APPRENTICE WOULDN'T NORMALLY BE INVITED TO THE BANQUET. I BET IT'S BECAUSE OF MY POSITION.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'LL JUST TELL THE KING DIRECTLY THAT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF SUCCEEDING TO THE THRONE.
TOK
TOK


RIGHT THIS WAY, LORD SPARK, FOR YOUR AUDIENCE WITH THE KING.

ANNOUNC-ING LORD SPARK!!

THIS MAKES ME SICK!!

DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO CALL ME OUT OF TURN?
BEGGING YOUR PARDON, SIR. LUZENAN WOULD HAVE ME PUNISHED IF I DID NOT.

APPRENTICE
KNIGHT SPARK, YOUR HIGHNESS. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE IN YOUR ROYAL PRESENCE.
I GREATLY APPRECIATE BEING INVITED TO THE BANQUET.

.....
!?

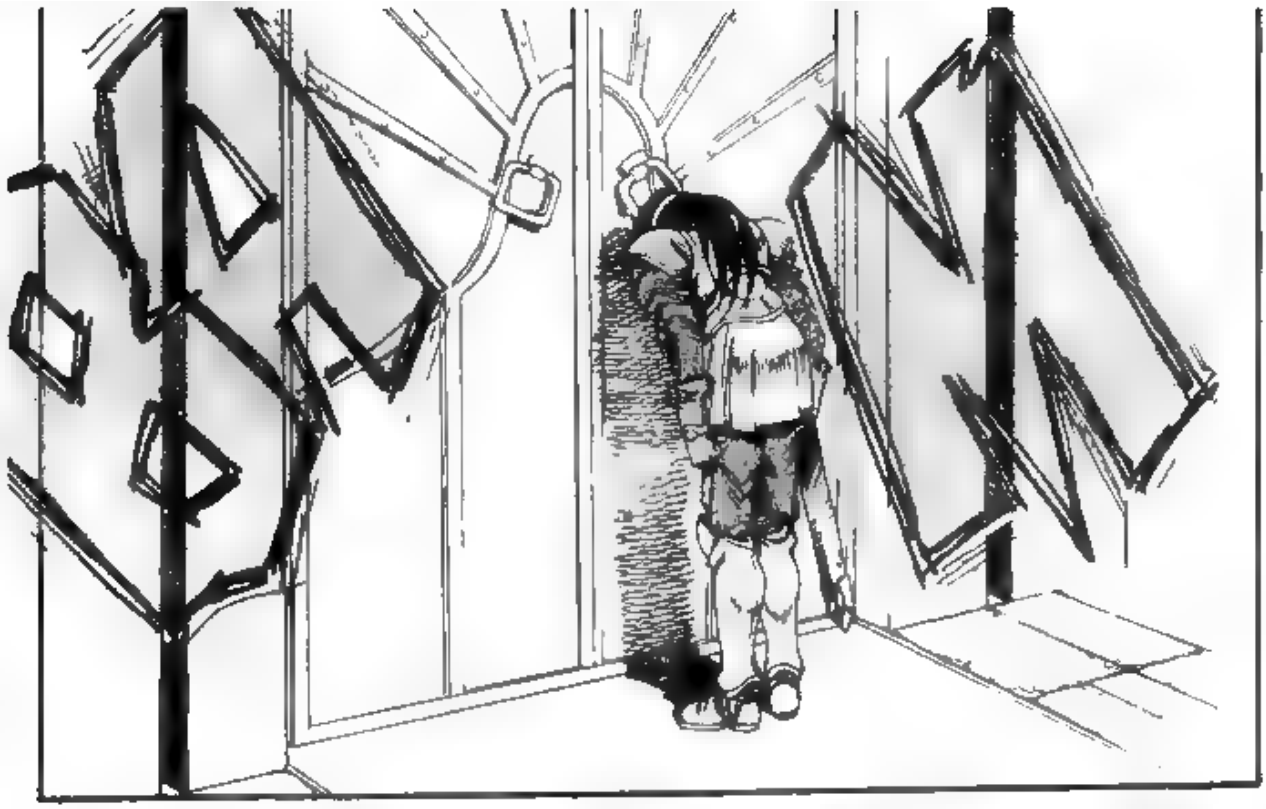
I'M OVER HERE.
Huh?
BEGGING YOUR PARDON, KING KASHU!!
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME, SPARK. HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
IT IS I WHO MUST BEG PARDON. I HAVE SOME FRIENDS I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET.

I'M DEEDLIT. HOW DO YOU DO?
I AM PARN, LEADER OF THE FREE KNIGHTS OF KANON.
IT IS A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, YOUNG KNIGHT.
DID HE SAY PARN AND DEEDLIT!?
EH!?
ACTUALLY, I'M JUST AN APPRENTICE KNIGHT...

THE LEGENDARY FREE KNIGHT, PARN AND THE HIGH ELF, DEEDLIT?
THE STORIES OF SIR PARN AND THE WAR OF THE HEROES IS WHAT MADE ME WANT TO BE A KNIGHT.
TMP
SO? WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
HUH!?
UHHH...
I WANTED TO ASK WHY I WAS INVITED TO THE BANQUET...
I INVITED YOU BECAUSE I WANTED YOU TO MEET PARN!
BUT IT SEEMS THAT PURPOSE HAS NOW BEEN ACHIEVED...

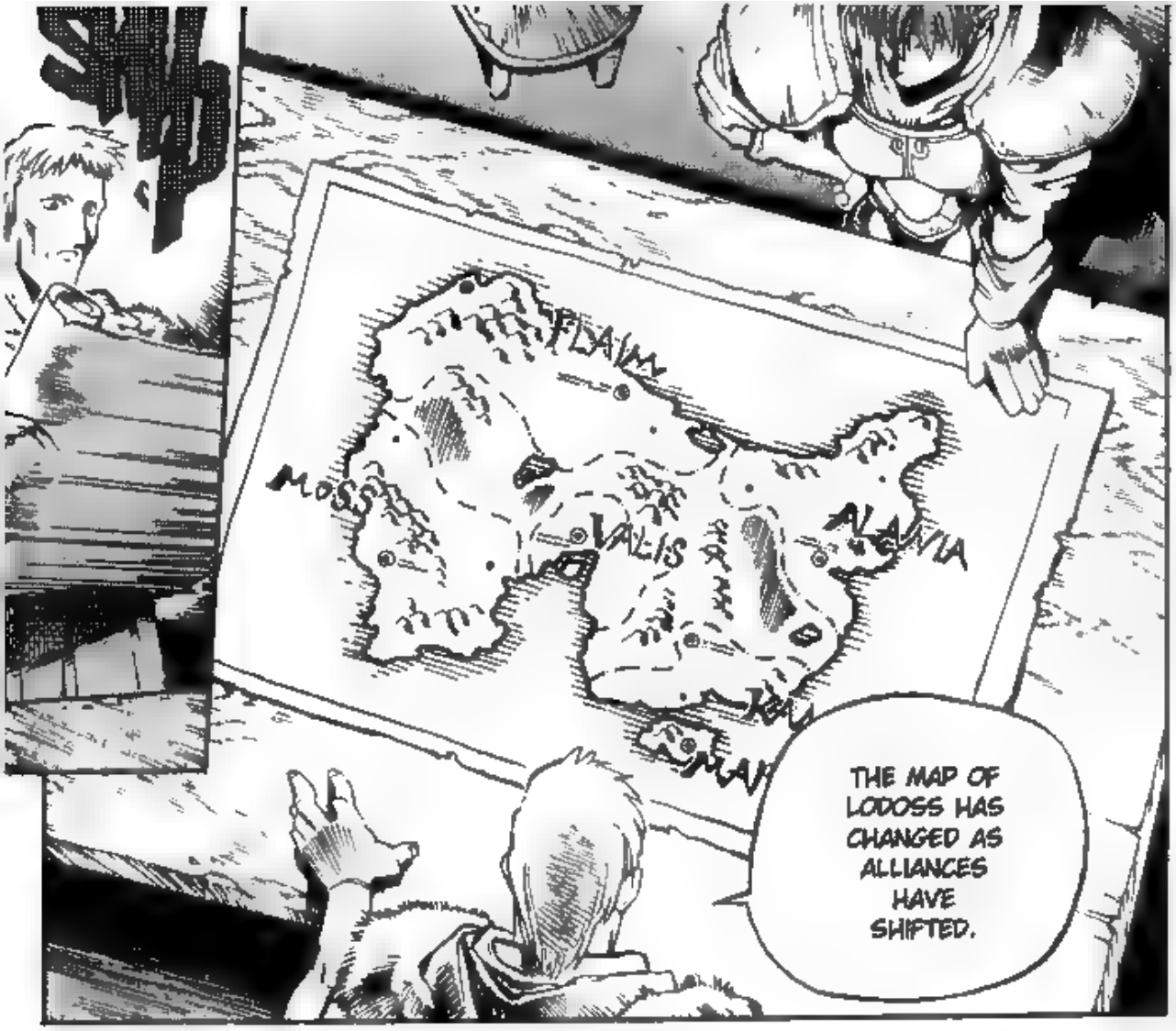
I FEEL SO ASHAMED...
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET THE LEGENDARY KNIGHT, PARN, BUT...
I WANTED TO MEET HIM AFTER I BECAME A FULL-FLEDGED KNIGHT. AND I MAY NEVER HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO MEET HIM.
I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ONE QUESTION, KING KASHU...
WHY AM I STILL AN APPRENTICE KNIGHT!?
I CAN DISPLAY MY ABILITIES AS A KNIGHT FOR YOU AT ANY TIME!

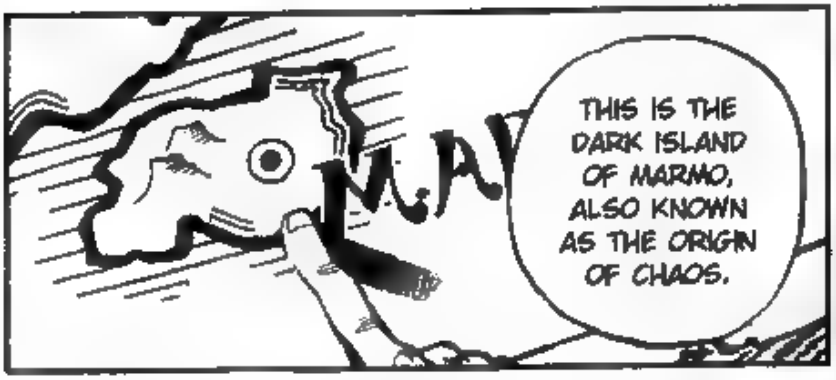
ARE YOU APPEALING TO ME ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE CLAN?
NO... I AM ASKING YOU ON MY OWN...
IF SO, YOU HAVE OVERSTEPPED YOUR BOUNDARIES, APPRENTICE SPARK!!
ARE YOU SAYING YOU DISAPPROVE OF MY DECISION!?
NO...NO... THAT IS NOT WHAT I MEANT.
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING!?
OF COURSE HE'S GOING TO BE ANGRY!!
THAT IS ENOUGH! BE GONE WITH YOU!

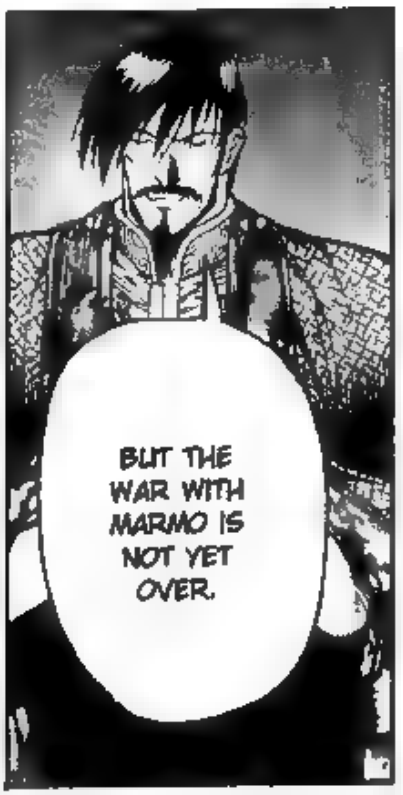


HE REMINDS ME OF ME WHEN I WAS YOUNG.
HA, HA, HA, HA. I SEE!!
HE SEEMS LIKE A CLEVER AND VIGOROUS YOUNG MAN.
PARN, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HIM?

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO SUCH A MEAGER ROOM.
I HAVE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.
SLAYN!
PARN AND DEEDLIT... YOU LOOK AS HEALTHY AS EVER.
IT'S BEEN ABOUT TEN YEARS, HASN'T IT?
IT HAS.
YOU SEEM TO HAVE SETTLED NICELY INTO THE POSITION OF COURT SORCERER.
I AM SURE YOU HAVE MUCH TO CATCH UP ON,
BUT PLEASE SAVE IT FOR THE BANQUET.
CER-TAINLY.
ACTUALLY, THINGS ARE STARTING TO HAPPEN IN LODOSS.


FLAIM
MOSS
VALIS
ALANIA
THE MAP OF LODOSS HAS CHANGED AS ALLIANCES HAVE SHIFTED.


THIS IS THE DARK ISLAND OF MARMO, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ORIGIN OF CHAOS.


BUT THE WAR WITH MARMO IS NOT YET OVER.

THERE HAS NOT BEEN A LARGE SCALE CONFRONTATION WITH MARMO IN THE LAST TEN YEARS.

THE DECISIVE BATTLE SEEMS TO BE APPROACHING AT LAST.
WE ARE STARTING TO SEE SIGNS.
ARE YOU SPEAKING OF THE DUKE OF RASTAR?
PARN, YOU ARE SHARP.
THE DUKE OF RASTAR HAS FORMED AN ALLIANCE WITH MARMO AND THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED.
IN OTHER WORDS...
...BY OCCUPYING NORBIS,
THE CAPITAL, AND ZAXON...
MARMO CAN EXPAND ITS POWERS FROM THE CENTER.
FLAIM
ALVIA
VALIS
WON
MARMO

I HAVE ONE MORE CON-CERN...
?
UH... ACTUALLY... I'M NOT CERTAIN YET.
SLAYN, IT'S FRIGHTENING HOW CORRECT YOUR PRE-MONITIONS GENERALLY ARE.
HA, HA, HA.
WON'T YOU TELL US?
ALL RIGHT... WELL...
HUFF

HA, HA, HA. DEEDLIT IS AS POPULAR AS EVER.
YOUR HAIR IS LOOSE.
EVERYONE'S COMING UP TO ME AND PULLING MY HAIR OUT.
THE LADIES OF THE COURT ALL WANT TO KNOW THE BEAUTY SECRETS OF A HIGH ELF.
PLEASE FORGIVE THEM.
AM I THAT BEAU-TIFUL?
YOU MUST BE DRUNK.

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BY THE WAY, WHERE'S SPARK?
YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU SEEM TO HAVE A REAL INTEREST IN THAT YOUNG MAN.
WHY DO YOU KEEP HIM AN APPREN-TICE?
YOU CAN'T FOOL HIM FOREVER.
I DO NOT WANT TO SEE SPARK BECOME MERELY A BRAVE LEADER OF KNIGHTS OR A GREAT MINISTER IN GOVERNMENT
BUT IT IS NOT GOOD TO BE OVER-PROTECTIVE, EITHER. WHAT IF WE TOOK HIM TO THE NEXT BATTLE WITH US?
AN AP-PREN-TICE IS NOT PER-MITTED ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.
BUT YOU ARE RIGHT, YOUR HIGHNESS.
THAT YOUNG MAN HAS ALL THE QUALITIES OF A GREAT KNIGHT

HE'D BETTER.
HE WILL BE INDISPENSABLE TO FLAIM SOME DAY

RUSTLE RUSTLE
RUSTLE

HUH? NO I'M JUST WANDERING
AHEM AHEM. THANKS
HEY LORD SPARK DID YOU BRING THAT BOTTLE OF LIQUOR FOR ME?
THIS MUST BE THE TREASURY
WHY'S IT MY TURN TO STAND GUARD AT A TIME LIKE THIS? JUST MY LUCK.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE RUSTLE
!?
WHAT WAS THAT?
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN GUARD THE TREASURY ALONE?
HUH?

YEAH I'M FINE MASTER SLAYN IS PROTECTING THE DOOR WITH HIS MAGIC WALL SPELL
CRASH
WHOOSH

A DARK ELF!?
HOW DID A MARMO AGENT GET INSIDE THE CASTLE!? IS HE TRYING TO GET INTO THE TREASURY!?

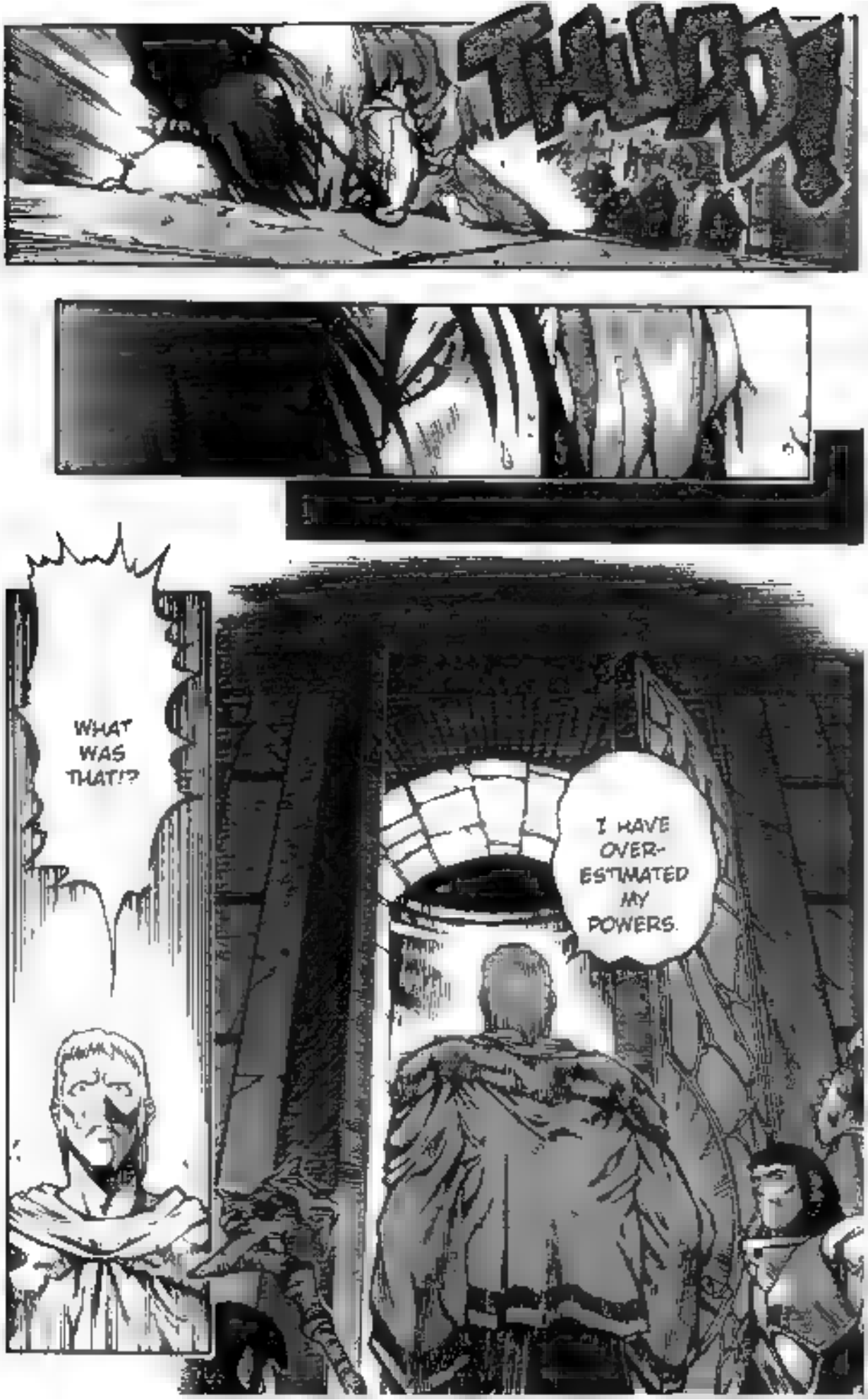
WHAT SHOULD I DO!? IF HE'S ALONE, I CAN PROBABLY TAKE HIM BY MYSELF
IT'S GONNA BE TOUGH IF HE PULLS THE DISAPPEARING ACT...BUT IF I CAN SLAY HIM FIRST...
HERE GOES!!
IF I WIN, THEY'VE GOT TO MAKE ME A KNIGHT

CLANG
CLANK
I DID IT!!

WHACK
PHHO

WOOSH
DA
DAMN!
SWAP
FIVE DARK ELVES. THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BEAT THEM ALL!!
THINK, SPARK!! WHAT WOULD A KNIGHT DO!?
WHAM!
CHOOOM

THE TREASURY IS BEING INVADED!!
FIVE DARK ELVES ARE INVADING THE TREASURY!

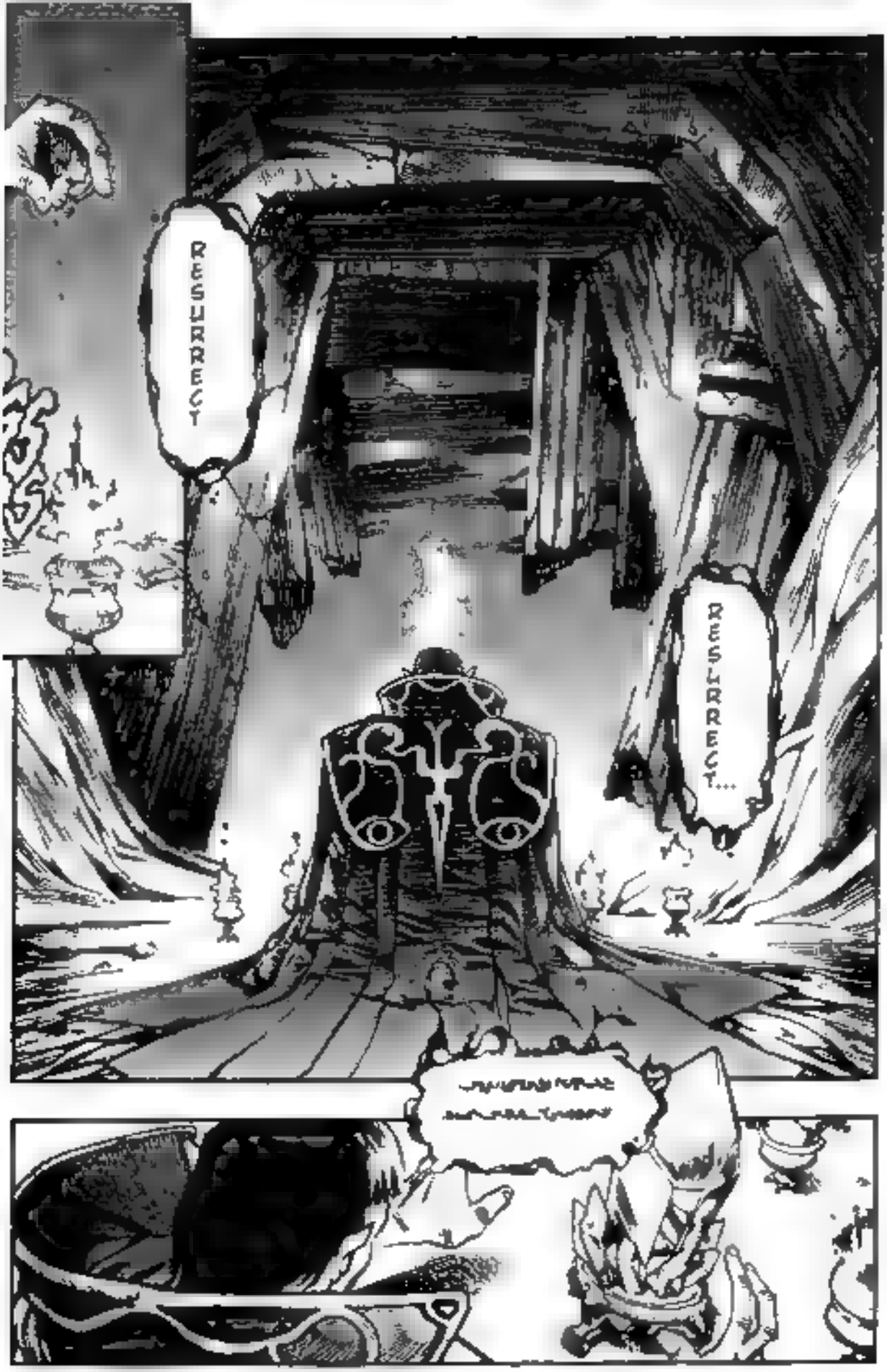

THUD!
WHAT WAS THAT!?
I HAVE OVER-ESTIMATED MY POWERS.

MY WORST FEARS ARE COMING TRUE.
YOU MEAN WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER?
A NEW CALAMITY IS ABOUT TO BEFALL LODOSS.
GET OVER HERE, SPARK!!
I'LL CAST A HEALING SPELL.
I AM HERE ..
AND I BEG YOUR FORGIVE-NESS, YOUR HIGHNESS
FOOL!! WHY DID YOU NOT REPORT THE INVASION IMMEDIATELY!?
I WANTED TO PROVE MYSELF I AM PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANY PUNISHMENT

ALL RIGHT, APPRENTICE SPARK, I ORDER YOU
...TO FOLLOW THE THIEVES AND RETRIEVE THE TREASURE.
HUP
WILL THIS ALLOW ME TO CLEAR MY NAME!?
DON'T GET EXCITED, SPARK!! YOU SHALL NOT BE ADMITTED BACK INTO THE CASTLE UNTIL YOU HAVE FULFILLED YOUR DUTY!!
YES, SIR!!
I SHALL DO SO EVEN IF I MUST RISK MY LIFE!!

BAM
WHAT DO YOU THINK PARN?
FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE FIGHTING CHANGES PEOPLE
I FEEL CERTAIN HE WILL GAIN FROM THIS
WOOSH

A DARK PLAN
EPISODE II


RESURRECT
RESURRECT....

COME BACK TO LIFE
OH GODDESS OF DESTRUC-TION
RULER OF MEANING-LESS LIVES!!

IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE A BIG BATTLE.
AND THE DECISIVE ONE WITH MARMO.
THERE HASN'T BEEN A WAR IN TEN YEARS SO, I THOUGHT THE FIGHTING WAS OVER.
DON'T BE STUPID! I HEAR LAST NIGHT'S INTRUDERS WERE FROM MARMO.
REALLY?

I HEAR THEY MADE OFF WITH A BUNDLE FROM THE TREASURY
WHAT WERE THE GUARDS DOING!?
IT'S AN EMBARRASS-MENT TO FLAUM.
HA, HA. IT SURE IS!!

QUIET DOWN!!
ALL YOU KNIGHTS, I HAVE ORDERS FOR YOU!!
YOU... HEAD FOR THE NORTH FORT, SIR FALLUS, MAN THE WEST FORT
SIR BORNE AND SIR DAGULAR, YOU'RE ASSIGNED TO THE EAST FORT...
AND

THE INTRUDERS DIDN'T TAKE ANYTHING ELSE...
JUST IT ..
THERE MUST BE A LEARNED SORCERER AMONG THE DARK ELVES.
MASTER SLAYN!!
AS MANAGER OF THE TREASURY, I ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY.
I AM THE ONE WHO ERECTED THE PROTECTIVE WALL. ALDO NOVA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS.
WHAT THEY ARE DOING IS EXACTLY WHAT I THOUGHT
YES. IT IS NOW PLAIN TO SEE.

THE THIEVES,
STOLE THE CRYSTAL BALL OF SOULS KNOWING FULL WELL WHAT CALAMITY IT CAN BRING
WHO WOULD DO SUCH A STUPID THING!?
MARMO'S EVIL SORCERER, VAGNADO
IT MUST BE HIM.
SIR CARLO-BESS, MAN THE CASTLE.
THAT'S IT!!

Hop!
HEY WAIT!!
WHAT ABOUT ME!?
THE KING GAVE ME DIRECT ORDERS TO GO AFTER THE THIEVES.
LORD SPARK, STAND BY
YOU MUST BE JOKING!! THE LONGER I STAY HERE, THE FURTHER AWAY THEY'RE GETTING!
PARDON THE INTRUSION. IS THERE A FOOL HERE NAMED SPARK?

YOU KNOW, THE FOOL WHO LET THE THIEVES ESCAPE
CLANG
I AM THE FOOL.
I'M A SOLDIER FOR HIRE, AS YOU CAN SEE
AND YOU'RE MY BOSS STARTING TODAY
GOOD TO MEET YA.
SIP
HUH?

GRP
WHUP
WHUP
HEY
MEN.
HOW DO YA DO, BOSS?
WHAT'S GOING ON!? WHO ARE YOU!?
YANK
SO I'M WORKING WITH GALLAC?
THIS MUST BE SOME JOB.
THE NAME'S GALLAC.
SOME PEOPLE CALL ME BLUE SHOOTING STAR ON ACCOUNT A' THIS SCAR.
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WHAT D'YA KNOW WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN.
I'M THE HALF-ELF WARRIOR, LEIF
NICE TO MEET YOU.
IS THAT THE NEW BOSS?
WAIT A MINUTE!!
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON HERE!?
IS SPARK HERE?

I'M SORRY FOR INTER-RUPTING
ANOTHER ONE!! THEY JUST KEEP COMING! WHO'S IT THIS TIME!?
THE FREE KNIGHT, PARN.
I'M SO SORRY!!
I KNOW HOW ANXIOUS YOU ARE, BUT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MISSION SO YOU MUST BE PREPARED.
YES, SIR!!

UHH. BY THE WAY WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?
HERE WE ARE
HERE?
THE TRAINING ROOM.
WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?
USE THIS, SPARK!!
EH?
UH.. UH.

!!!
WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO TALK.
I WANT TO TEST YOUR SKILLS IN BATTLE.
KING KASHU ASSURED ME THAT YOU ARE ABLE
YOU'RE TOO STRONG FOR ME
TH..
THAT'S NOT IT!!
OR AM I NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU?
WOBBLE WOBBLE
I'M ABOUT TO FIGHT THE LEGENDARY FREE KNIGHT, PARN
I FEEL LIKE I'M IN A DREAM!!

ONCE YOU CROSS SWORDS, DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN
THESE ARE PRACTICE SWORDS, BUT YOU SHOULD FIGHT AS IF THEY WERE REAL
YES, SIR.
YOU'RE WEAK!!
DON'T THINK YOU CAN TAKE DOWN THE ENEMY BY STEPPING FORWARD
YES, SIR
YOUR STANCE IS SHALLOW!!
YES, SIR
CLANK
CLANK

STUDY YOUR OPPONENT'S MOVES!
AND DON'T FORGET YOUR ATTACK STRATEGIES FOR CORNERING HIM!!
AND WATCH FOR AN OPENING! IF YOU CAN'T FIND HIS WEAKNESS RIGHT AWAY, FIGHT TILL YOU DO!!
SLASH
YESSS, SIR!
KING KASHL HAS CHOSEN A TALENTED ONE.
WHEN I WAS TRAVELING AROUND THIS NEWLY ESTABLISHED KINGDOM..

HEE HEE
MY HORSE GOT SPOOKED BY A GOBLIN.
AND I LOST CONTROL OF HIM.
YOUR MAJESTY!
CLOP CLOP
CLOP
I WAS TRULY IN DANGER.
BRAH

Tap
WOAH
!!!
MY HORSE AND I WERE BOTH ASTONISHED BY THE STRENGTH IN THAT BOY'S EYES.

BRRRHHH
GOOD BOY
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
SPARK!

DON'T LET KING KASHU DOWN.
I WON'T!!
I WILL NEVER AGAIN MAKE A MISTAKE LIKE I DID LAST NIGHT
I WILL FULFILL MY DUTY!!
GOK
NO.
THAT'S NO GOOD, EITHER
NO GOOD?
NEVER FORGET WHO YOU ARE
DON'T BE A MAN WHO SIMPLY CARRIES OUT HIS DUTY

YOU DON'T NEED TO UNDERSTAND NOW, BUT YOU WILL SOME DAY
DON'T BE A MAN WHO SIMPLY CARRIES OUT HIS DUTY . HMM.
HEY, BOSS, HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE
?
I'M HERE TO HELP YOU RETRIEVE THE STOLEN TREASURE. I'M ALDO NOVA, THE SORCERER.
IT'S A PLEASURE MEETING YOU, LORD SPARK.
UHHH.. SAME HERE
BIG GUY.
WHOA

EXCUSE ME
I'LL BE GOING, TOO
FATHER GREEVAS !?
HAVING A SORCERER AND A PRIEST ALONG IS A RELIEF
ARE YOU NUTS!? THAT MEANS THIS IS GOING TO BE A PERILOUS MISSION!
I HAVE NEWS!!
TOKA
THE THIEVES HAVE BEEN SPOTTED AT THE SOUTH FORT!!
WELL WHAT ELSE?
THE KING WANTS YOU TO HEAD SOUTH IMMEDIATELY!!

YOU DIDN'T TELL SPARK ABOUT IT, DID YOU?
OF COURSE NOT I DIDN'T TELL HIM ANYTHING ABOUT THE STOLEN CRYSTAL BALL
HE IS STILL TOO YOUNG.
IF HE KNEW THAT THAT CRYSTAL BALL WILL DETERMINE THE FATE OF LODOSS.
..HE WOU..DN'T BE ABLE TO ACT FREELY
KING KASHU, WE'RE HEADING BACK TO KANON TO PREPARE FOR THE FINAL BATTLE WITH MARMO
HMM. I GUESS I'LL BE SEEING YOU VERY SOON.

AT LAST LOOKS IS MOVING AGAIN
RU
TOWARD A NEW FUTURE

HUH? THERE ARE FIVE PEOPLE ON THE MISSION, RIGHT?
RIGHT WHY DO YOU ASK?
IT'S STRANGE
ONE, TWO, THREE,
FOUR, FIVE, SIX!!
YEP, THERE'S SIX OF THEM!
HOW ODD!

EPISODE III : AN EVIL TRAP

SNIFF!
SNIFF!

I ABSO-
LUTELY
MUST
RETRIEVE
THAT
STOLEN
TREASURE
AND
RESTORE
MY
REPUTATION.
YO CHIEF
LET'S TAKE A
BREAK. WE'VE
BEEN WALKING
ALL NIGHT
I'M BEAT

IF WE DON'T CROSS THIS DESERT BEFORE SUN-RISE, WE'RE GOING TO DEHYDRATE.
WHY DIDN'T WE TAKE THE ROAD ALONG THE RIVER?
WE COULD'VE RIDDEN OUR HORSES
WHY DON'T YOU USE THIS?
CROSSING THE DESERT GETS US TO THE SOUTH FORT FASTER THAN TAKING HORSES ON THE ROAD.
THAT'S WHY

WE SHOULD'VE AT LEAST TAKEN A CARRIAGE
ALDO NOVA, WAIT!!
THIS IS SHIFTING SAND
YOU CAN'T DRIVE A CARRIAGE THROUGH THIS AT NIGHT
DON'T WARRIORS KNOW ANYTHING THESE DAYS?

THAT LOOKS LIKE A SAND DRIFT AHEAD
YOU DWARVES HAVE GREAT NIGHT VISION.
I CAN'T SEE A THING
LORD SPARK, EVERY-ONE SEEMS TO BE TIRED.
SHALL WE TAKE A BREAK?
BUT
HEY I'M NOT TIRED AT ALL
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?
THAP
HUH?
FUU
NOT TIRED, EH? YOUR LEGS ARE LIKE PUTTY

HEY CHIEF, SHE'LL BE USELESS WHEN WE NEED HER
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT!!
OH WONDROUS SPIRIT OF FIRE BRING US THE WARMTH OUR BODIES DESIRE
PHEW WHAT A RELIEF
FATHER GREE-VAS...

WHAT IS A PRIEST IN YOUR HIGH POSITION DOING WITH ME?
WHAT DID YOU DO WHEN YOU SAW THE THIEVES BEFORE YOU?

!?
!!
I'M SO ASHAMED I THREW MY SWORD AND TURNED MY BACK ON THE ENEMY

I KNOW I'M THE ONE WHO CHANTED A SPELL TO HEAL YOUR WOUND

FATHER THAT WAS YOU!?
THAT'S WHEN I THOUGHT

IT TAKES A CERTAIN COURAGE
TO DISCARD ONE'S SWORD TO ESCAPE AN ENEMY

COURAGE?

IT WAS THEN THAT I TOOK AN INTEREST IN YOU, LORD SPARK. HOW'S THAT FOR AN ANSWER?

PLEASE, JUST CALL ME SPARK. I'M ONLY AN APPRENTICE.

YES. I'VE SENSED A PRESENCE BEHIND US SINCE WE LEFT THE CASTLE
NOTICED?
WELL THEN SPARK THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE NOTICED.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT
I'M NOT SURE
IS IT SOR-CERY!?
COME TO THINK OF IT,
WE'VE ALL SEEMED COMPELLED NOT TO LOOK BACK
OR MAYBE IT WAS JUST MY IMAGIN-ATION.
I DON'T FEEL IT ANY-MORE.

OUCH!
HOW 'BOUT SOME TEA, CHIEF?
SURE, THANKS.

BY THE WAY WHAT'S THE GAME PLAN ONCE WE FIND THESE GUYS?
WHP

'CAUSE WE'RE DEALIN' WITH FIVE DARK ELVES HERE
YOU GOT A BRILLIANT GAME PLAN DON'T YA!?

NO, NO PLAN.
AS LONG AS WE'RE WILLING TO RISK OUR LIVES, WE'LL MANAGE.

GUUUG

OUCH!
CHANT THAT HEALING SPELL FOR ME, PLEEEASE.
WHAT A STRANGE QUESTION
THROB THROB
HEY, WHAT EXACTLY IS THE TREASURE THAT WAS STOLEN?
BING
IT'S.. IT'S A SORT OF .. CRYSTAL BALL OF SOULS, USED AT FESTIVALS
OH WELL, I GUESS WE WERE SENT TO RESTORE THE KINGDOM'S REPUTATION.
POP!

I CAN'T TELL THEM!!
THAT THE CRYSTAL BALL OF SOULS HAS THE POWER TO DESTROY THE WORLD.
THE RESULT OF THIS MISSION WILL DETERMINE THE FATE OF LODOSS!!
HEY GUYS, LET'S GET GOING!

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WHIMPER
THE SOUTH FORT!
THAT MEANS WE'VE CROSSED THE DESERT
FINALLY! I'M FULL OF SAND

SPARK AND THE TREASURE RETRIEVAL EXPEDITION APPROACH-ING!!
WE'VE BEEN AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL!!
THIS WAY!!

ANY CLUES TO THE WHERE-ABOUTS OF THE THIEVES?
WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE HERE WHO CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN THE THIEVES.
WE DON'T KNOW WHO THE TWO ARE, BUT THEY'RE NOT RESIDENTS OF FLAIM.

SOME OFFICIALS FROM THE CASTLE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU! PLEASE FOLLOW ME.

hup
jak
AINA.
RANDY, I KNOW
shp
IF THEY FIND OUT WE'RE FROM THE THIEVES' GUILD AND WE CAME TO FLAIM TO ROB THEM, THAT'S IT FOR US. I'LL SWEET-TALK THEM.
YOU STAY HERE AND REST
tak

HELLO. I WAS ASKED TO COME HERE
I'M SPARK, AN APPRENTICE KNIGHT FROM FLAIM.
I'M LAINA.
MY PARTNER AND I HAVE COME SEEKING WORK AS SOLDIERS
PLEASE TELL ME ABOUT THE BANDIT'S YOU SAW
peek
FIRST, I SHOULD TELL YOU THEY INJURED MY PARTNER.
THERE IS NO ONE HERE THAT IS ABLE TO CAST A HEALING SPELL
IF I AM ABLE, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP

SURE.
PLEASE TELL ME ABOUT IT
IT WAS SOMETIME YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON.
SUDDENLY THEY APPEARED OUT OF THE RIVER NEAR HERE
THERE WERE FIVE OF THEM. DARK ELVES!!

BLINK
DARK ELVES ARE SPIRITS OF THE FOREST SO IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO CROSS THE DESERT
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT !!
BUT THEY CAN FUNCTION UNDER WATER. SO THEY MUST HAVE TAKEN A DETOUR AND COME SOUTH BY RIVER
LEIF!
SHHH!
OK.
WE'D NEVER BE SO STUPID AS TO TRY TO FIGHT FIVE DARK ELVES.
BUT WE COULDN'T GET AWAY.
SO NATURALLY WE TRIED TO ESCAPE THEM.

SLP
AUGH!
RANDY!?
SLP
WH. WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?
?
THEN A CREATURE GRABBED HIM FROM UNDER-GROUND.
HEY SPARK
LEIF! STOP INTER-RUPTING!
BUT I KNOW ABOUT THAT CREATURE
!!!

LOOK
DWARVES OF THE LAND BRING FORTH YOUR HAND
AUGH
THE DARK ELVES USED THIS MAGIC
HURRY UP AND UNDO IT!

DON'T WORRY IT'LL END BY ITSELF IN TIME.
SHOW ME YOUR WOUND
OH MY WHAT IS IT!?
I'D BETTER DO SOME-THING
MIGHTY MYREE, GOD OF WAR. MEND THIS WOUND DOWN TO ITS CORE
UGH
PFFZZZ

I DON'T GET IT
!?
IF I WAS THEM, I WOULDN'T LET WITNESSES GET AWAY ALIVE.
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT AFTER THEY ATTACKED RANDY, THEY DISAP-PEARED.
THERE'S SOMETHIN' FISHY ABOUT THIS.
!!?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
!!!
CRASH
CLANK
RATTLE RATTLE

WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING!?
I DON'T KNOW!!
chud
AGH
SPLAT

CAP-
TAIN!!
TOK
SHOOM
WH...
WHAT ON
EARTH
IS IT!?

SHLOOP
COULD
COULD
IT BE
CHAK

RANDY?
WAIT !!
WHIP
FATHER?
STAY BACK, SPARK !!

WOSH
WHAT IS IT!?
I DON'T KNOW!! I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A CREATURE!
IT LOOKS LIKE WE GOT CAUGHT IN THEIR TRAP!!
TRAP!?

EPISODE IV
AN IRON WILL

BLAST
RUMBLE
AN. AN ENEMY ATTACK!!
ENEMY!? WHAT THE
HAHA

TWITCH
TWITCH
FATHER GREEVAS, WHERE'S YOUR HALBERD?
IT ALL HAPPENED SO QUICKLY,
I FAILED TO BRING IT WITH ME
AHREEE
UHH!
SLASH
WHAT A DISGUSTING CREATURE TO CONTEND WITH FROM THE START
GALLAC, LEIF, ALDO, ARE YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT!!?

BASHH
HOW'S RANDY!?
MY PART-NER.
TOK
THE CREATURE HAS INFESTED HIS BODY
I DOUBT THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO SAVE HIM.
Twitch Twitch
NO WAY
WOOZE
CAN'T YOU DO SOME-THING!?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER ATTEMPTED TO DEAL WITH A PARASITE.
Slash

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ast
WAAHH
PSHOO
OH GREAT MANA... SOURCE OF ALL MAGIC...
AAIEE!!

OUTTA MY WAY!!
I... I...
UHHH...
IF YOU'RE GONNA HESITATE IN FRONT OF THE ENEMY, GET THE HELL OUTTA THE WAY!!
TOK
CUT IT OUT, GALLAC!! WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER.
LET'S TRY TO WORK LIKE A TEAM.
I'VE SEEN MEN DIE 'CAUSE OF WIMPS LIKE HIM GETTIN' IN THE WAY!!
I CAN'T PUT UP WITH THIS!!
hmph
JUST SETTLE DOWN!

OH MYREE, GREAT GOD OF BATTLE...
LOOK UPON YOUR BRAVE SERVANTS HERE.
PROTECT US, AND PROVIDE US WITH WILLS OF IRON AND COURAGE OF FIRE...
PHHOOOO
.....
WELL? DO YOU FEEL COURAGE-OUS?
THERE IS A FIRST BATTLE FOR EVERYONE. WE MUST ALL FACE THE SCRUTINY OF MYREE EQUALLY.

THE LIFE OF THE HOST MUST BE SACRIFICED!
th-thump!
BOOM
LET'S GO!!

TOK
SHOOP
TAKE THAT!!
SPARK!
LET'S MOVE TO THE CENTER IN FORMATION!!
ALDO, YOU SUPPRESS THE CREATURE WITH SORCERY!!
GALLAC AND LEIF, CLEAR A PATH FOR ME!
THEN I'LL MOVE IN FOR THE ATTACK!!
FATHER GREEVAS, YOU HOLD OFF ANY ENEMY ATTACK FROM THE REAR!

NOT BAD, CAPTAIN... FOR YOUR FIRST BATTLE IN COMMAND.
STOP MAKING FUN OF ME!
LET'S GO!!
WOOSH
WHOOOOO

BAM!
PLOW
PLOW
SSS
SLOOP
.....
HEY, YOU, GET DOWN!
th-thump
UH !!!
THUMP

RANDY!
OH GREAT MANA, SPIRIT OF MAGIC...
MAKE THINE-SELF A SWORD OF LIGHT.
TO PIERCE OUR ENEMY THIS NIGHT!!

SWISH
NOW!!
TUMBLE
!!

UNBELIEVABLE
UGHHH
UGHHH
HE'S STILL ALIVE...

THUMP
THUMP
CAN YOU DO IT, SPARK?
CAN YOU TAKE THIS MAN'S LIFE?
!!
TOK

HEY! LOOK OUT!!
RANDY!
grab
BAG!
SLASH!!

DAMN!
DAMN!
RANDY!
GIVE IT UP!! HE'S NOT CONSCIOUS ANY MORE!!

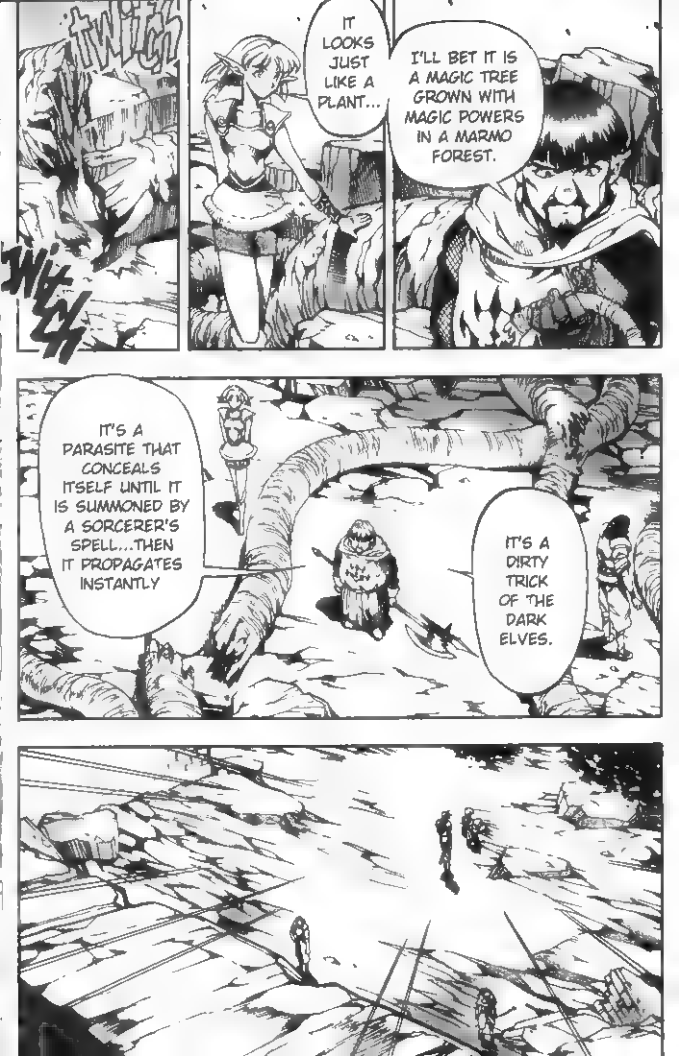
SHOP
UHH
OH NO!!
OH, GREAT MANA, MAGIC'S SOURCE...
BE THEE A FIREBALL ...UNLEASH YOUR DEATHLY FORCE.
SHOO
!!

THE PRIEST'S HAL-BERD!!
grip
SHA!

AH
AGH
grrip
AUGH

SLUMP

PSHOOO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twitch
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A PLANT...
I'LL BET IT IS A MAGIC TREE GROWN WITH MAGIC POWERS IN A MARMO FOREST.
IT'S A PARASITE THAT CONCEALS ITSELF UNTIL IT IS SUMMONED BY A SORCERER'S SPELL...THEN IT PROPAGATES INSTANTLY
IT'S A DIRTY TRICK OF THE DARK ELVES.

RANDY
UHH... LAINA...
WE'RE IN A HURRY... SO...
YOU WANTED TO BE A SOLDIER FOR FLAIM, RIGHT? I'D BE HAPPY TO PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR YOU.
TAKE ME WITH YOU...
HUH?

YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ME!!
B... BUT...
PLEASE DON'T MISUNDER-STAND ME. YOU ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RANDY'S DEATH...
.....

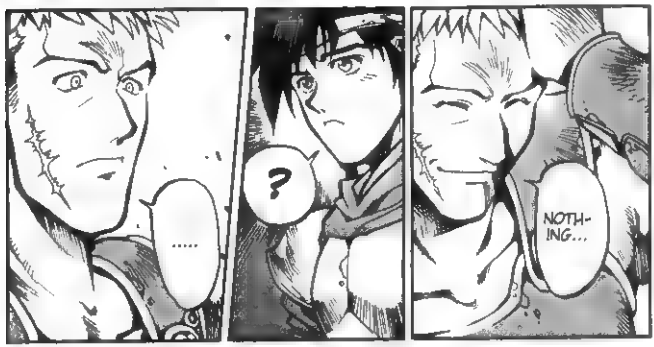
RANDY KNEW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO LIVE IN LODOSS.
HE WAS ALWAYS PREPARED TO DIE AT ANY MOMENT.
grip
SQUEEZE
.....
EH? UHH...
SLIP
PLEASE DON'T LOOK AT ME!

UHHH...
UHMM...

HER HAIR... SMELLS SO...
SWEET...
...NOO... STOP!!
WHAT AM I THINKING... AT A TIME LIKE THIS!!
CALM DOWN! JUST CALM DOWN!!
SLOW DOWN HEART!! SHE'S GONNA HEAR!!
UH... KHHH!

CAPTAIN, THE FOOD STOREROOM WASN'T DAMAGED, SO I GOT US SOME SUPPLIES.
THERE'S ONLY ONE HORSE LEFT, THOUGH.
OH... I SEE!!

SO WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?
THE THIEVES PROBABLY HEADED SOUTH TOWARD THE TOWN OF HILT.
I'LL ASK THE GOVERNOR OF HILT TO GET HIS MOUNTED SOLDIERS TO PUT A NET AROUND THE CITY.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?
NOTH-ING...

IT'S JUST... CAPTAIN...YOUR STRATEGIES ARE KINDA SIMPLE AND...UH... SOMETIMES DANGEROUS...
!!
THIS IS HOW I FIGHT. WHAT'S THE PROB-LEM?
WE'LL BE LEAVING SOON. BE READY.
.....
IT DOES SOUND DANGEROUS... SO WHY'D YOU LET HIM CHARM YOU!?
UHH...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN IT...

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Impatience and Doubt
Episode III

MARMO
WHAT DO YOU TWO MEMBERS OF THE MARMO COUNCIL WANT FROM ME?

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? SINCE EMPEROR BELD'S DEATH,
THE MARMO GOVERNMENT REQUIRES A VOTE FROM THE FOUR OF US. YOU, ASHRAM, AND US.
hmph
YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, SHORDEL AND LUZEB.
SO TELL US, VAGNADO...
...ABOUT THE SUSPICIOUS RITUALS GOING ON IN THIS CAVE BELOW THE CASTLE.
BE ASSURED IT IS ALL FOR UNIFICATION WITH LODOSS AS EMPEROR BELD HAD WISHED.
HA HA HA
tsk
HE'S AN UNPREDICTABLE MAN.
WHAT ON EARTH IS HE PLANNING...?

IT WON'T BE LONG!
TOK TOK
TOK TOK
IT WILL ALL HAPPEN UPON THE RESURRECTION OF THE WICKED GODDESS, KARDIS!!
KANON
KANON IS ALREADY UNDER MARMO'S OCCUPATION!
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO RID KANON OF THOSE SELF-PROCLAIMED FREE SOLDIERS!?

EMPEROR! THE TROOPS HAVE RETURNED!
WE HAVE CONQUERED THE CITY OF ADDAN.

IT TOOK JUST TWO DAYS...
TO BRING DOWN ADDAN
GOOD WORK, PIRO-TESS.
IT WAS AN HONOR, EMPEROR ASHRAM.

LEIF, HOW LONG TILL WE REACH HILT?
IT SHOULD BE SOON.

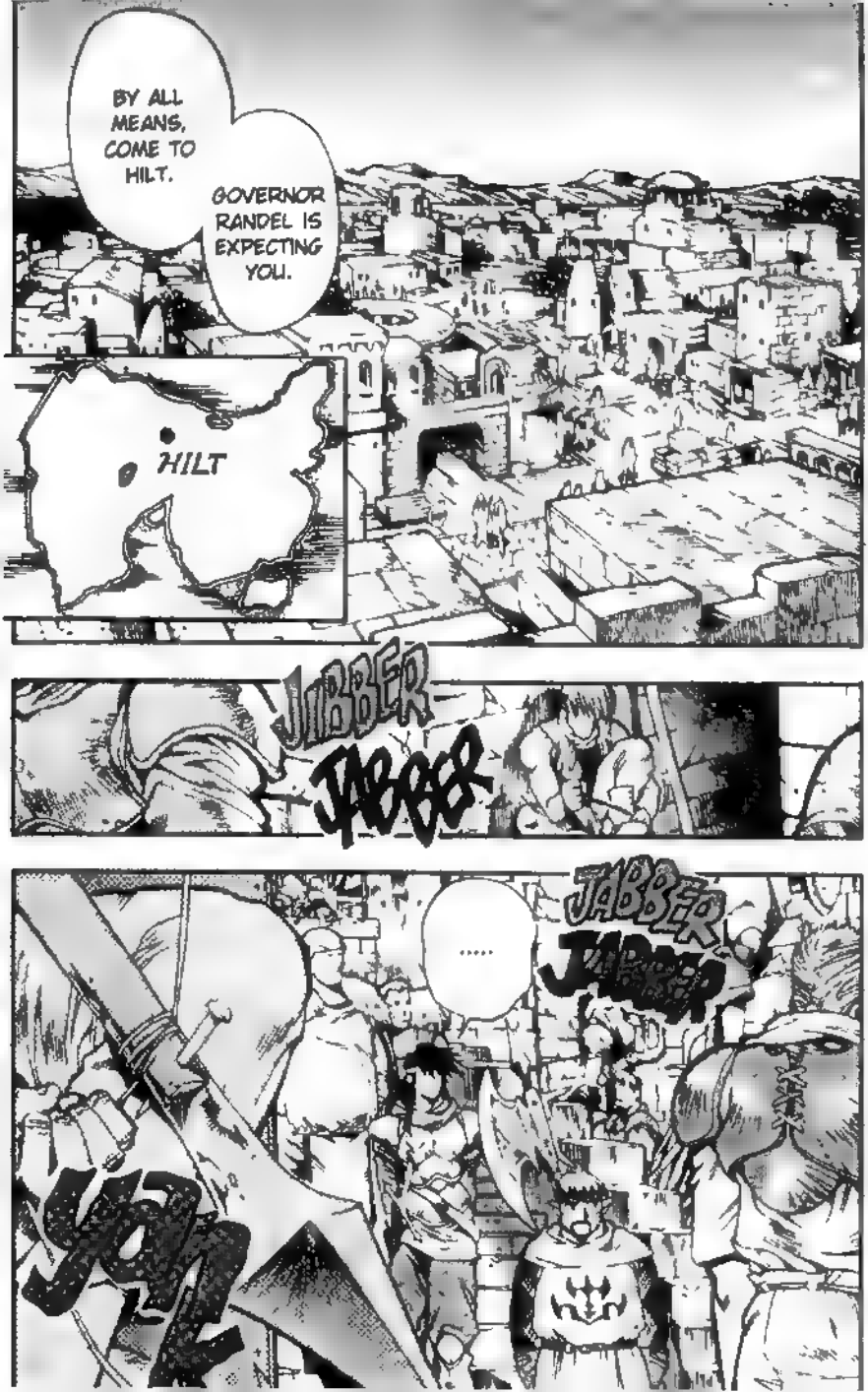
THIS MAP IS OLD THERE'S A NEW ROAD RIGHT HERE.
HUH? REALLY? THEN WE CAN GO THIS WAY.

.....

WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT WOMAN. WHY'S SHE TAGGIN' ALONG?
LEAN

LAINA IS WITH US TO AVENGE HER PARTNER'S DEATH.
SHE'S AFTER THE SAME ENEMY SO NATURALLY SHE'LL BE A HELP TO US.
CAPTAIN, DON'T BE SO NAIVE.
QUIET!
.....
CLOP CLOP CLOP
YES, YOU ARE!
WHAT!? AM I THAT HARD TO TRUST!?

SOME-
ONE IS
APPROACH-
ING
CLANG
hee hee hee!!
SHEATH YOUR SWORD! I AM A MESSENGER FROM HILT!!


BY ALL MEANS, COME TO HILT.
GOVERNOR RANDEL IS EXPECTING YOU.
HILT
JABBER JABBER
.....
JABBER JABBER
JAZ

PEOPLE SEEM ANXIOUS HERE.
YEAH... THEY DO.
.....
THEY'RE PREPARING FOR BATTLE.
SHWP
APPRENTICE KNIGHT SPARK, HERE ON ORDERS TO CAPTURE THE THIEVES.
I'M GOVERNOR RANDEL OF HILT.
I'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT IT.

ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, SOLDIERS FROM HILT WERE ATTACKED BY A BAND OF DARK ELVES IN THE SOUTH.
I JUST NOW GOT THE NEWS.
I SEE! WE'LL PURSUE THEM IMMEDIATELY.
tap tap
I WISH I COULD SAY THAT HILT WILL SUPPORT YOU ONE HUNDRED PERCENT, BUT...
.....
...WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?
OH, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?
KING KASHU HAS MOBILIZED ALL THE TROOPS OF FLAIM TO WAR.
TO!
EVEN HILT IS DISPATCHING 100 KNIGHTS AND 500 SOLDIERS.

I HEARD THE FIRST BATTALION, LED BY KING KASHU HIMSELF, HAS ALREADY LEFT FOR ALLANIA.
!!!
POO
SHOCK

THE FINAL WAR WITH MARMO...
BUT...BUT... LOOK WHAT I'M DOING AT A CRUCIAL TIME LIKE THIS!
.....
DURING THE WAR OF THE HEROES I ASSISTED KING KASHU IN HIS STRUGGLES WITH MARMO, BUT...
Hmm
...IF I HAD KNOWN I COULDN'T GO TO WAR, I WOULD NEVER HAVE ACCEPTED THIS POST AS GOVERNOR.

GOVER-
NOR...
YOU AND I HAVE EACH BEEN GIVEN MISSIONS TO CARRY OUT.
THESE ARE OUR BATTLES.
YES, SIR.
OH, SPARK, WAIT! I HAVE ANOTHER INTERESTING PIECE OF NEWS.
INTER-
ESTING
NEWS
!?
THE GREAT WAR IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!?

I WANNA FIGHT, TOO!
SHUT UP, GALLAC! YOU TOO, LEIF!!
SUCCESS IN BATTLE IS THE ONLY WAY FOR A HIRED SOLDIER TO GET PROMOTED.
UHH... ANY WORD ON THE THIEVES?
THEY'VE BEEN SPOTTED IN THE SOUTH.
.....
ISN'T THAT A LITTLE STRANGE?
EH!?
WHO CARES! LET'S CAPTURE THEM AND GET THIS OVER WITH.

RUMP
RUMP
I CAN'T EVEN PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVE DUTY AS A KNIGHT.
WHAT AM I DOING...
NO! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, SPARK!! THIS IS YOUR DUTY!!

DON'T BE A MAN WHO SIMPLY CARRIES OUT HIS DUTY.
ah
POW
GRRIP
I DON'T GET IT
WHAT SHOULD I DO, FREE KNIGHT PAPA!?
LET'S GO!!
YOU MUSTVE MADE HIM MAD WHEN YOU SAID THAT
YA THINK?
SPARK YOU JUST DON'T KNOW JUST HOW IMPORTANT THIS MISSION IS.

I HAVE TO TELL HIM...
YOU HOLD THE KEY TO THE FUTURE OF LODOSS, SPARK...
. NO! I CAN'T TELL HIM!!
IF HE KNEW THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MISSION
RIGHT NOW ALL HE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON IS GETTING THE STOLEN TREASURE BACK. HE'S TOO YOUNG.

LOOK AT THIS MESS... THEY'VE GONE TOO FAR.
DOESN'T IT SEEM STRANGE?
WHY DO YOU KEEP SAYING THAT?
THIEVES DON'T USUALLY LEAVE A TRAIL OF CARNAGE.
THEY MUST BE DESPER-ATE.
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THESE MUST BE THE DARK ELVES' FOOT-PRINTS.
LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE JUST HERE. THEY CAN'T BE FAR.
LET'S HURRY!
WAIT, SPARK.
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
THERE'S A WOMAN'S FOOTPRINT, TOO.
I'LL BET SHE'S FOLLOWING THE THIEVES AS WELL.

INTER-ESTING NEWS?
YES.
THE GOVERNOR OF HILT SAID...
EARLY THIS MORNING A YOUNG WOMAN FROM BLADE APPEARED AT THE NORTH GATE OF HILT.
SHE WAS DRESSED IN THE WHITE GARB OF A PIL-GRIM...
WITH A HOOD. SHE SEEMED FINE SO THEY LET HER IN...
WHO... WHO WAS THE WOMAN!?
WHAT DID SHE SAY!?

WHAT WAS HER NAME!?
I DON'T KNOW... HE SAID THEY DIDN'T ASK.
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NO! IT CAN'T BE HER!
NO IT CAN'T BE!!
WELL? WHAT DID THE GIRL WANT?
THE GUARD ASK HER THE PURPOSE OF HER VISIT AND SHE APPARENTLY SAID...
I AM BEING LED BY GOD.
I AM FOLLOW-ING A DARK NIGHT-MARE.

BEING LEAD BY GOD...
FOLLOWING A DARK NIGHT-MARE...
DARK NIGHT-MARE!!
WHICH MEANS... DARK ELVES!!
IF SOMEONE BESIDES US IS PURSUING THE THIEVES...
WHAT COULD IT MEAN!?...
To Be Continued...